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Details of the Battle Near Santiago: Aids to the Death of the Rough Riders and Young's Cavalry in Their Fight with the Spaniards.

Col. Wood and Col. Roosevelt Displayed the Utmost Coolness and Bravery.

Leading Their Troops in Pursuit of the Fleeing Spaniards—Roosevelt Had a Narrow Escape From Death.

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Four Miles Northwest of Juraguá, Cuba, Thursday, June 23, 2 p. m. per Dispatch from Santiago to Port Antonio, Jamaica, June 23, 2 p. m. via Kingston, Jamaica.—A mounted American cavalryman forced their way over the rough mountain trail this morning and encountered the Spanish infantry in a dense thicket on a high plateau almost overlooking the city of Santiago de Cuba, and routed them after a sharp battle lasting one hour.

This afternoon, strongly reinforced by the arrival of additional forces, the cavalrymen held a position a little more than five miles from the Spanish stronghold, in southeastern Cuba, preparing for a general movement on that city.

Today's victory was not gained without the shedding of American blood, and one officer and 12 of the troops lie under the ground on the field of battle, while about 50 others, including six officers, are in the field hospital suffering from wounds of these eight or ten probably a week. It is believed that the enemy's loss was at least 50 dead besides many wounded.

REVISED LIST OF THE AMERICAN DEAD AND WOUNDED IN THE BATTLE.

The American dead are: CAPTAIN ALLEN K. CAPRON, of Troop L, First volunteer cavalry. SERGEANT HAMILTON FISH, JR., Troop L. PRIVATES THOMAS DAWSON, Troop L. GEORGE DAUGHERTY, Troop A. T. T. IRWIN, Troop F, all four of the same regiment, more familiarly known as the Rough Riders. PRIVATES DIN, YORK, BJOR, COLBE, BERLIN and LEMONCK, all of Troop K, First regular cavalry, and CORPORAL WHITE, Troop L, Tenth cavalry. The following officers were wounded: Major Brodie, shot through the forehead. Captain McClintock, Troop L, shot through the right leg. Lieutenant J. R. Thomas, Troop M, shot through right leg. All the foregoing officers were Rough Riders. Other officers that were wounded were: Captain Knox, Major Bell, Lieutenant Byram. These officers are of the First cavalry. The following are among the soldiers wounded: Rough Riders—Troop B—Privates B. M. Hill, Shelley F. Ishler, M. B. Newcomb, Fred N. Deal and Corporal D. D. Rhodes. Troop L—Corporal James F. Boon, Privates Frank B. Booth, Albert Harle, R. G. Bailey, H. A. Wiers, J. F. Atherton, Clifford Reed and Sergeant C. W. Arrington. Troop G—Sergeant Thomas C. Cavanaugh, Corporal L. L. Stewart, Privates George Rowland, H. J. Haefer, Michael Corley, R. M. Reid and M. Russell. Troop L—Privates J. R. Keane, John H. DeMat, Thomas F. McLaughlin, Edward Cabero and Nathaniel Poe. Tenth cavalry, Troop L—Privates Russell, Galins, Miller, Gross, Braxton and Wheeler. Troop L—Privates Ridd and Mayberry. Edward Marshall, correspondent of the New York Journal and Advertiser was seriously wounded in the small of the back.

THERE WERE PRACTICALLY TWO BATTLES WHICH WERE FOUGHT AT THE SAME TIME.

Practically two battles were fought at the same time, one by the Rough Riders under the command of Colonel Wood on the top of the plateau, and the other of the Spanish soldiers, who were the regulars with whom was General Young. The expedition started from Juraguá—marked on some Cuban maps as Atares—a small town on the coast, nine miles east of Júcaro castle, where was the first place occupied by the troops after their landing at Santiago last Wednesday.

Information was brought to the American army headquarters, by the Cubans on Thursday that forces of Spanish soldiers had assembled at the place where the battle occurred, to block the march on Santiago. General Young went there to sludge them, the understanding being that the Cubans under Castillo would cooperate with him, but the latter failed to appear until the fight was nearly finished. Then they asked permission to chase the flying Spaniards, but as the victory was already won, General Young refused to allow them to take part in the fight.

General Young's plan contemplated the movement of half of his command along the trail at the base of the range of hills leading back from the coast, so that he could attack the Spaniards on the flank, while the Rough Riders went off to follow the trail leading over the hill to attack them in front. This plan was carried out completely. The troops left Juraguá at daybreak. The route of General Young with the regulars was comparatively level and easy of travel. Three Hotchkiss guns were taken with this command.

ALL THE CONDITIONS OF THE ADVANCE WERE FAVORABLE FOR A MURDEROUS AMBUSH.

The first part of the journey of the Rough Riders was over steep hills, several hundred feet high. The men carried 20 rounds of ammunition, and heavy equipment. A hot sun was done easily in the early morning, the weather became intensely hot and the sun beat down upon the cowboys and eastern athletes as they toiled up the grade with their heavy packs and frequent rests were necessary. The trail was so narrow for the greater part of the way that the men had to proceed single file. Prickly cactus brush lined both sides of the trail and the undergrowth was so thick that it was impossible to see 10 feet on either side. At the conditions were favorable for a murderous ambush, but the troops kept a close watch and made as little noise as possible.

The Rough Riders entered into the spirit of the occasion with the greatest enthusiasm. It was their first opportunity for a fight, and every man was eager for it. The weather grew sweeter and sweeter and one by one the men threw away blankets and tent rolls and emptied their canteens.

The first intimation had by Colonel Wood's command that there were Spaniards in the vicinity was when they reached a point three or four miles back from the coast where the low cuckoo calls of the Spaniards were heard in the bush. It was difficult to locate the exact point from which these sounds came. The men were ordered to speak in whispers, and frequent halts were made. Finally, a place was reached about 8 o'clock, where the trail opened into a space covered with high grass on the right hand side of the trail and the thickets. A barb wire fence also ran along the left side. The dead body of a Cuban was found on this side of the road and at the same time Captain Capron's troops covered the outposts, the heads of several Spaniards being seen in the bushes for a moment.

THE SPANIARDS SUDDENLY POURED IN A MURDEROUS FIRE FROM THE THICKETS.

It was not until then that the men were permitted to load their carbines. When the order to load was given, they acted with a will and displayed the greatest eagerness to make an attack. At this time the sound of firing was heard a mile or two to their right, apparently coming from the hills beyond the thicket. It was the regulars replying to the Spaniards who had opened on them from the thicket. In addition to a rapid fire, the boom of the Hotchkiss guns could be heard. Hardly two minutes had elapsed before the Mauser rifles commenced to crack in the thicket and a hundred bullets whistled over the heads of the Rough Riders, cutting leaves from the trees and sending chips flying from the fence posts by the side of the men. The Spaniards had opened and they poured in a heavy fire, which soon had a most disastrous effect. The troops stood their ground with the bullets singing all around them.

Private Colby caught sight of the Spaniards and fired the opening shot at them. Sergeant Hamilton Fish, Jr., was the first man to fall. He was shot through the heart and died instantly. The Spaniards were not more than 200 yards off, but only occasional glimpses of them could be had. The men continued to pour volley after volley into the bush in the direction of the sound of the Spanish shots, but the latter became more frequent and seemed to be getting near.

THE UTMOST COOLNESS AND BRAVERY DISPLAYED BY WOOD AND ROOSEVELT.

Colonel Wood walked along his line displaying the utmost coolness. He ordered the troops to deploy on the left of the trail. Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt led the former detachment and tore through the brush urging his men on. The shots came thicker and faster every moment, and the air seemed filled with the sound of the Mauser bullets, while the short pop of the

Spanish rifles could be distinguished easily from the heavier reports of the American weapons. Some times the fire would come in volleys and again shots would follow each other in rapid succession for several minutes.

Captain Capron stood behind his men, ready in hand, using it whenever a Spaniard exposed himself. His aim was sure and two of the enemy were seen to fall under his fire. Just as he was preparing to take another shot, and shouting orders to his men at the same time, his revolver dropped from his grasp and he fell to the ground with a fall through his body. His troop was badly disconcerted for a moment, but with all the strength he could muster, he cried: "Don't mind me, boys, go on and fight."

He was carried from the field as soon as possible and lived only a few hours. Lieutenant Thomas of the same troop received a wound through the leg soon after the fight and became delirious from the pain.

The troops that were in the thicket were not long in getting into the midst of the fight. The Spaniards leaped them and pressed them hard, but they sent a deadly fire in return even though most of the time they could not see the enemy.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT HIMSELF NARROWLY ESCAPED A BULLET WHICH STRUCK NEAR.

After 10 or 15 minutes of hot work the firing fell off some and Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt ordered his men back from the thicket into the trail, himself narrowly escaping a bullet which struck a tree alongside of his head. It was evident that the Spaniards were falling back and changing their position, but the fire continued at intervals. Then the troops tore to the front and into more open country than where the enemy's fire was coming from. About this time small squads commenced to carry the wounded from the thicket and lay them in a more protected spot on the trail until they could be removed to the field hospital.

Colonel Wood also ordered his Hotchkiss gun into action, but the trooper who rode the mule upon which it was mounted, had been stampeded. He immediately broke into the woods in the opposite direction of the Spanish fire and the gun consequently could not be used.

It was just before the change in position was made that Edward Marshall, the correspondent of the New York Journal and Advertiser was dangerously wounded. He was back of the troops and a ball struck him in the small of the back. The surgeons were unable to tell this afternoon whether or not he would recover.

During the fight in the thicket several of the troops did some wild shooting into the air, ahead of them, and a part of the American loss is due to this fact. As soon as the position had been changed the Americans poured a more terrible fire than ever into the Spaniards, as they got them into more open country and could see them better.

It was not long before the enemy gave way and ran down the steep hill and up another hill to the back house, with the evident intention of making a final stand there.

Colonel Wood was at the front directing the movements and it was here that Major Brodie was shot. Colonel Wood and Lieutenant Roosevelt both led the troops in pursuit of the fleeing Spaniards, and a ball of bullets was poured into the black house. By the time the American advance got within 50 yards of the black house, the Spaniards abandoned it and scattered among the brush up another hill in the direction of Santiago and the battle was at an end.

JUST AS HOT A BATTLE WAS IN PROGRESS SOMEWHERE AT GENERAL YOUNG'S STATION.

During all this time just as hot a battle had been progressing at General Young's station. The battle began in much the same manner as the other one, and when the machine gun opened fire, the Spaniards sent volleys at the gunners from the brush on the opposite hillside. The troops of cavalry charged up the hill, and other troops sent a storm of bullets at every point from which the Spaniards shot. The enemy was gradually forced back, though many all the time, until they, as well as those confronting the Rough Riders, ran for the black house, only to be dislodged by Colonel Wood's men.

General Young stated afterwards that the battle was one of the sharpest he had ever experienced. It was only the quick and constant fire of the troops, whether they could see the enemy or not, that kept the Spaniards at bay for so long. General Young spoke in the highest terms of the conduct of his men in his command, and both Colonel Wood and Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt were extremely gratified with the work done by the Rough Riders on the first occasion of their being under fire.

When it became evident that the Spaniards were giving up the field, searching parties went through the thicket and hill tops, picking up the dead and wounded. The latter were carried to a field hospital half a mile to the rear and all possible attention was given them, while preparations were made to remove them to Juraguá.

A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE PLACES SPANISH LOSSES AT NO LESS THAN FIFTY.

Twelve dead Spaniards were found in the bush but the Americans made no special efforts to ascertain the enemy's loss. It is believed, however, that the bodies found represented only a small proportion of the dead, and a conservative estimate is that at least 50 Spaniards died in the fight.

The sun was blazing down on the field all the time the fight was in progress and many troops were overcome by the heat and lack of water. A spume was found near by later on and the soldiers' canteens were filled from it. Reinforcements were ordered forward from Juraguá, but the march was a long one, and they did not arrive until the fight was over.

It was necessary to send a large supply of provisions to the soldiers from the base of supplies at Juraguá and the means of doing this was by pack trains, which are necessarily slow. It is believed that the troops will be free from attack where they are, and that the Spaniards will not attempt to repeat the play they adopted today of blocking the forward march of the Americans in the direction of Santiago. It is thought they will make the hill a stand at the city itself, trusting that with the assistance of the shore batteries and the guns on the water ships in the harbor, they will be able to repel the American troops and force them back to the seacoast, and either capture or drive them from the island.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE NO CHANCES OF A SERIOUS REVERSE NEAR SANTIAGO.

Washington, June 25.—Intrest shifted sharply today from the navy department to the war department. The newspaper reports, brief and graphic, telling of the short, bloody little engagement between the Spaniards and the Rough Riders, the Spaniards, the romantic heroes in the American army, had aroused popular interest to a high pitch. Consequently the war department scarcely opened for business before a crowd of newspaper men and other interested persons filled the hall and vicinity of the bulletin board, seeking for some official information that would supply data missing from the press accounts.

Official Dispatches.

It was not until nearly noon that the first cablegram came from Shafter and then, to the disappointment of the department, it was even more meager than the press reports. During the course of the day several other dispatches were received, but they all left something to be desired, for being under yesterday's date, they did not relieve anxiety as to what happened yesterday evening and today with the two armies separated by the

unsupported by artillery against such works. Unfortunately there promises to be some delay in landing all the artillery owing to the loss on the voyage to Santiago of the big lighter which seems to be necessary to transferring guns from ships to the landing pier. The naval authorities have responded promptly to the appeal of the war department and some means will be found through the aid of the navy to accelerate the landing of the supplies and guns.

Reinforcement at Once.

During the day Secretary Alger, and General Miles held several conferences, not so much to discuss the progress of yesterday's fight, as to give every military preparation for the great struggle yet to come. As a result, however, reinforcements will be forward at once, both from Tampa and from Newport News. An expedition of 6,000 men is expected to leave Tampa within the next three days. It comprises the command of Brigadier General Snyder, the Third division of the First army corps. The troops are already on the march and the first of the reinforcements only awaits the arrival of the navy. Part of the warships sent over with Shafter's expedition have been released from Admiral Sampson's fleet and are now on their way back to Tampa to receive additional troops. Others will follow and then another formidable marine expedition will start across the Gulf. Whether the battle will be fought in this expedition and the last is not definitely settled. 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"The new and startling problem which the present war has given rise to is only one, for the present, to consider all other questions in the public mind to throw old issues into the ground, but to introduce a new political cleavage, which will cut not coincide with, cutting parties," says the Baltimore Sun (Dem.). The magnitude of these new questions bids the possibility of their being temporarily shelved or side-tracked, but parties continue to wage battle over issues which no longer excite interest.

New York, June 26.—Broadstreet's early in the morning will give the early in the morning will give the question degenerated into a dull routine affair. Prices sagged off the top, animation being shown, and later a bid, under manipulation threatened, the short interest which had appeared attained considerable proportions close of the week a stronger tone prevailed in the favorable crop advice the west and a belief that the cap-

New York Money Market
 New York, June 25.—Money—
 steady, 10 1/2 per cent. last loan, 1 1/2
 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 2 1/2 per

Sept.	5.32 1/2	5.32 1/2	5 1/2
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Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour-Dull.

No. 2 spring wheat, 63¢ 7/8; No. 3 wheat, 63¢ 1/2; No. 2 red, 73¢; No. 1 73¢; No. 2 oats, 23¢; No. 2 white, 26¢; white, 25¢; No. 2 rye, 34¢. No. 2 barley, No. 1 flax seed, 1.03; prime 1/2 seed, 2.00; mess pork per cbl., 10.00 per 10 lbs., 5.62¢-5.67 1/2¢; short sides, loose, 5.57¢-5.9¢; shoat ers, boxed, 4 1/2¢-5¢; short clear sides

four 12-inch guns, twelve 6-inch
spring guns and 18 smaller quick
guns, with five torpedo tubes.

Colorado Postmasters.
Washington, June 21. — Four
postmasters appointed today were
Colorado—Goff, Kit Carson county;
T. Jones, vice J. E. Knapp, re
Watuville, Las Animas county;
McNaughten, vice J. H. Murphy, re
New Mexico—Thiers Amadori, I.
riba county, Teresa O. Chavez, vic
Kinderman, remove.

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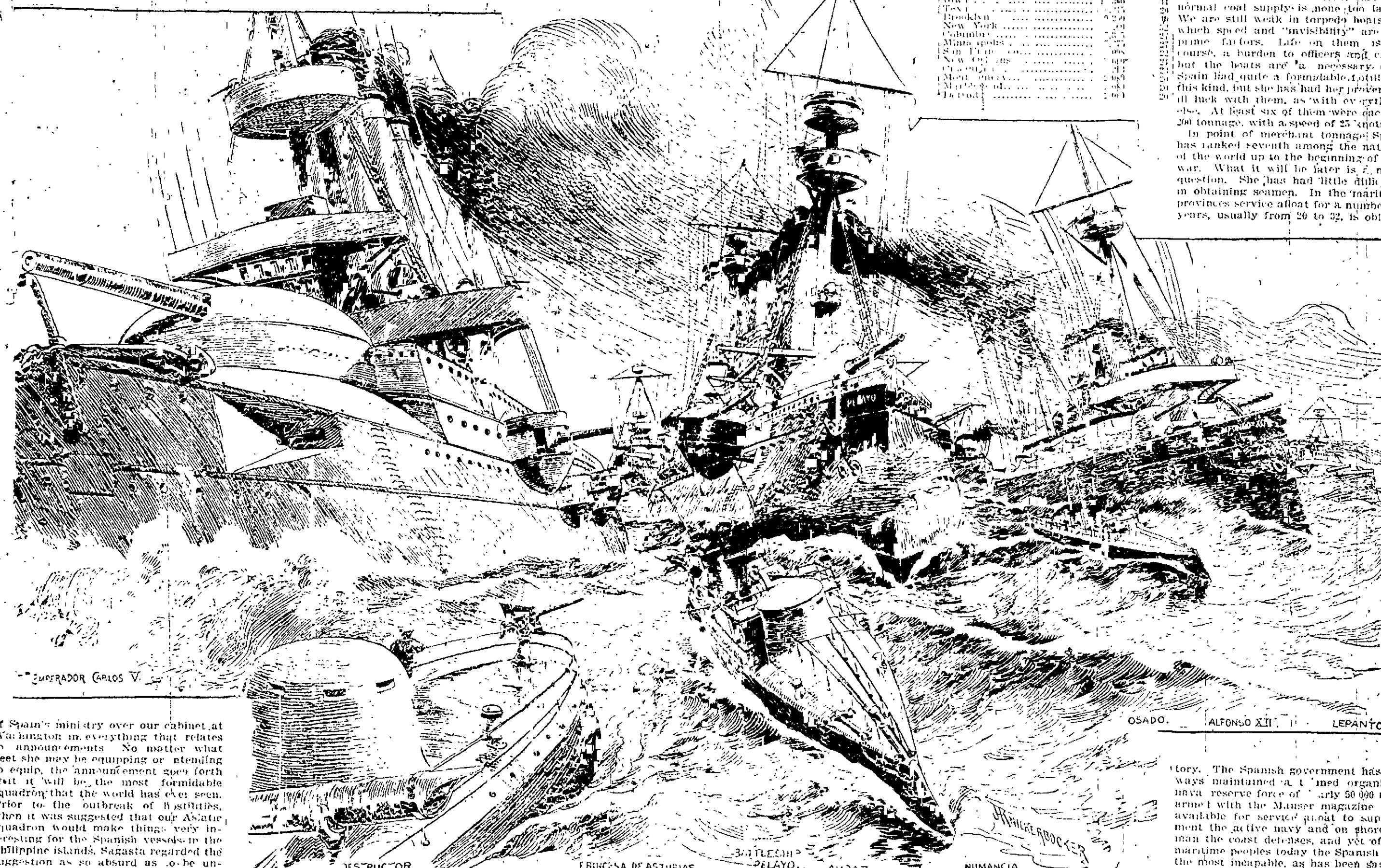
SPAIN'S FORLORN HOPE

Her Most Valuable Cadiz Squadron Is Made Up of Vessels the Fighting Possibilities of Which Are Widely Conjectured.

The Pelayo, Her Only Real Battleship, Was Constructed at the Instigation and Under Supervision of "The A. J. Dudge," Cervera.

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These queries and the answers there-
to, to a contemplation of the "be-
fore" and "after" of what by courtesy
is called "statesmanship" in the land
of Castile and Aragon.
In the first place, it is universally
assumed that the fleet really does
concede that if bombarded by a superior
fleet, it would be no more in the world
than a shadow. It is not without diffi-
culty, and the keen observer cannot
fail to be impressed by the superiority
of the Spanish fleet.



WARSHIPS OF THE CADIZ FLEET.

of Spain's ministry over our cabinet at
Washington in everything that relates
to announcements. No matter what
fleet she may be equipped or intended
to equip, the announcement goes forth
that it will be the most formidable
squadron that the world has ever seen.
Prior to the outbreak of hostilities,
when it was suggested that our Asiatic
squadron would make things very in-
teresting for the Spanish vessels in the
Philippine islands, Sagasta regarded the
suggestion as so absurd as to be un-
worthy of comment.
But Dewey went to Manila, and now
there is no Spanish Asiatic squadron.
When what is popularly, or rather
unpopularly now, known as the Cape
Verde fleet was about to sail, it was
stated that its sole purpose was to hunt
down the Americans and teach them a
lesson in naval warfare. Cervera was
heralded as a second Lord Nelson, and
the impression was sent abroad gener-
ally in Spain, that if the Americans
only stop running away long enough to
permit Cervera to get one crack at
them, there would be another tale of
Manilla to tell, with the conditions
reversed. As every one knows, Cervera
came, was not seen and was bot-
tled up.
Still another squadron has Spain, or
at least she says she has, it is known
as the Cadiz fleet. The vessels of this
group are, as usual, once more an-
nounced as the most powerful of their
class in the world, and annihilation is
again promised to Sampson and Schley
as soon as the doughty Admi-
ral Camara shall cast his eagle eye upon
them. It is impossible to say what
vessels really constitute the Cadiz
fleet and whether when they get to this

Pelayo, like all the other vessels of the
Spanish fleet except those which are
rusting away at the bottom of Manilla
bay, has so far demonstrated her ter-
ribleness only on paper, but in the
hands of American or Englishmen or
men of any other nationality, the
Spanish fleet is a mere "punch of
the fist" and the "punch of the fist"
is a mere "punch of the fist".
Technically the Pelayo is a battle-
ship of the first class. Admiral
Cervera, who will go down in history
as the man who did less fighting in a
given time than any naval commander
the world has ever known, was respon-
sible for the building of the vessel. He
declared that the day and arrived when
heavy ships were necessary to win
and in this naval expert's declared that
he was correct. He succeeded finally in
getting the appropriation, and the con-
struction of the Pelayo was begun about
15 years ago under his immediate su-
pervision. The bribery which seems to
be an essential element of everything

would make such a fight a most inter-
esting one.
Battleships are built for the purpose
of fighting hostile war vessels, and con-
sequently the highest talents of com-
manders are required to make the type as nearly
perfect as possible. But the navy
of different classes of battleships show
that there is a wide divergence of opin-
ion as to the method by which this su-
periority should be insured. Armor,
armament, size of armament, dis-
tribution, speed and coal supply are points
of controversy, and until two antago-
nistic ships of supposed equal power shall
meet and fight to the death the ques-
tion at issue will never be satisfac-
torily determined.
A larger vessel than the Alfonso XII,
but still even less effective, is the Na-
manca. She is nearly 400 feet long and
is classed by courtesy as a battleship,
though she is really a "broad-
side ship". She is really an old iron-
clad, with a displacement of 7,300 tons,
and an armor belt from 5 to 15 inches.
Her armament consists of eight 10-inch
guns, a length of 380 feet and a belt of
armor of an extreme thickness of ten
inches. She can steam on paper at
least, at the rate of 20 knots an hour.

astern or a flooding one ahead she would
be found wanting.
Besides the Victoria the Spanish fleet
contains a number of torpedo boats and
destroyers, to say nothing of several
converted cruisers and the Alfonso XII,
of the high importance of which no one
appears to have the slightest concep-
tion.

But, apart from the make up of the
vessels, what an inner of man is his
Admiral Camara who is to annihilate
the United States fleet which Ule
Sain in his blind fanaticism and de-
spair is concerned? How did Camara
rise to his present exalted position?
Was it through the impetus of real
merit, which will not be denied, or was
his advancement due to some sort of
"pull" with the powers?

These are important points at the
present time, for it is conceded that as
much depends on modern naval war-
fare upon the ability of the commander
as upon the quality of the ships and the
formidableness of their armament.
Admiral Camara comes of a nava-
stock. His father was a captain in the
Spanish navy, and his mother was an
English woman named Livermore.
Therefore, according to the Spanish
method of nomenclature, his full name
is Manuel de la Camara y Livermore.
Manuel entered the naval academy at
San Fernando in 1851, when he was but
12 years of age. Cervera, by the way,
graduated from the same institution in
1851, and Camara was a brilliant pupil
and completed his course of instruction
in the minimum of four years. He was
immediately sent upon an expedition to
Morocco, where he behaved in a man-
ner which won the commendation of his
superior officers. He became a first
lieutenant in 1854 and a captain in 1857.
Camara has for years been held up in
Spain as the finest type of the naval
officer, and it is announced with sus-
picious tendency that his promotion
was due to merit, but it is a fact never-
theless that he is a great favorite of
the crown upon Alfonso XII, the father
of the present young monarch. Nat-
urally Camara did not suffer because
of his attitude when Alfonso finally
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"Oh, that's all right, additional, I can-
not blame you for the consequences of
a noble" said Philip II when the Duke
of Medina Sidonia returned with a lot
of words and excuses from that homi-
criste attempt to invade and destroy
England in 1588, the latter sailing for
Spain, being left unmentioned between
them by mutual consent.
There are some deficiencies in our
navy, as is universally acknowledged,
but the vessels generally are in good
condition. It is not without interest
to note that the Spanish navy is not
naturally well supplied in torpedo boats,
which speed and "invisibility" are the
prime factors. Life on board is, of
course, a burden to officers and crew,
but the boats are a necessary evil.
Spain had quite a formidable fleet of
torpedo boats in 1898, but she has had her
luck with them, as with everything else.
At least six of them were each of
300 tons, with a speed of 25 knots.
In point of merchant tonnage Spain
has ranked seventh among the nations
of the world up to the beginning of this
war. What it will be later is a moot
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The Cities of San Juan.

San Juan, the last word being pro-
nounced "ouana," preceded by an al-
most unpronounceable nasal intona-
tion, is a favorite name for towns in the
West Indies and Central and South America.
San Juan de Baptista is the capital of
Puerto Rico, but is not on the island
itself, as is generally supposed, being lo-
cated on a small island in the mouth of
the bay. It has a population of 20,000,
with well lighted streets that are regu-
larly laid out and kept in good order.
The public buildings are the old govern-
ment house, the royal military hospi-
tal, an arsenal, a city hall, a custom
house, a large cathedral, a bishop's
palace and a seminary. Several fine
castles are now used as barracks, and
there are in addition many benevol-
ent institutions, primary schools and a col-
lege said to contain a superior library.
The town, though one of the most im-
portant in the Antilles, is difficult of ac-
cess, and a fleet inside its harbor would
have especial difficulty in gaining access
to the open sea if its passage was dis-
rupted. There is no better place for "bot-
tling up" an enemy's fleet, for the en-
trance is a narrow strait, and the town
is San Juan de los Rios (St. John of the
North), in contradistinction to San
Juan del Sur, across the country on the
Pacific coast, and familiarly called
Mayaguez, is the principal port of Ni-
caragua on the eastern side. It is located
on a promontory near the mouth of the
San Juan river, in the Caribbean sea.
The houses, which are almost univer-
sally two stories in height, are in a
state of decay, for the harbor within the
past 40 years has become nearly choked
up with sand, and the former com-
mercial prestige of the place has passed
away.

In 1848 it was occupied by a British
force, as belonging to the Mosquito
Coast, a territory claimed by Great Brit-
ain. It became prominent as the ter-
minus of the Nicaragua transit in 1853,
when its inhabitants organized an in-
dependent government, and the nation
was secured to Great Britain by treaty
in 1860. Six years previous, in 1854, a
naval force of the United States bom-
barded the city, charging that the in-
habitants had infringed upon the rights
of the transit company.

So the two leading San Juans in the
western hemisphere have felt the power
of Uncle Sam's naval guns.

Rapid Fire Guns.

Few people really understand the dif-
ference between the "rapid fire" or
"quick firing" guns and the "slow fire"
breach loaders. The distinction is not
by any means one alone of size, for a
rapid fire gun has been extended from
1.5 pound projectiles to 4.5 and 6 inch
guns, firing 100 rounds per minute.
The essential difference between them
is the method of loading. Instead of
opening the breech and inserting the
projectile and powder separately, the
latter in a bunting bag, the ammunition
for the machine guns is now prepared
as for small arms.
The ball, powder and firing primer
are united, the powder being inclosed in
a metallic case attached to the shot, the
primer being in the center of the base
of this case.
There are a number of types of rapid
fire guns, differing in the manner in
which the fixed ammunition is fed to
the gun and fired. The 6 pounder
guns of the Hotchkiss, Driggs-Schro-
eder, Maxim, Nordenfiedt and Spens-
low types can discharge 20 to 25 shots per
minute with accuracy. Without at-
tempt at accuracy the rate can be in-
creased to from 30 to 35 shots per min-
ute. With 5 inch rapid fire guns, 60
shots have been fired in five minutes.

A MANLY STRAY.

General Wooley, who is himself an
Irishman, says that General Sir Herbert
Kitchener is an Irishman and "the
most rising soldier in Europe."
Victor Hugo, if living, would be out
of sympathy with the journals and

people of his native country in their
newly found admiration for Spain. In a
letter written in 1897 he said, "Spain
is a country that must be the great
aim and duty of all American citizens."
On the day of the naval battle at Ma-
nilla there was but one George Dewey.
been appointed to Annapolis as a cadet,
was the only one of 20 applicants who
did not have recommendations from
wealthy men. For years he supported
himself and his mother, and at the same
time gained a good education by selling
papers in his native city.
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any detriment to his standing in the
university, and they are inclined to in-
crease his teachers and associates with
of a certainment.
President Gilman of Johns Hopkins
university has posted this bulletin:
"Any student of this university entering
the military or naval service of the gov-
ernment, at this crisis will do so without
any detriment to his standing in the
university, and they are inclined to in-
crease his teachers and associates with
of a certainment.
A recent christening at Camp Ram-
sey, where the Minnesota volunteers
were mustered, was performed by a pri-
vate in the ranks, the Rev. John Dallam
of Excelsior, Minn. He was the rector

of an Episcopal church at that place
and entered the ranks because his ap-
plication for the chaplaincy of the regi-
ment was made too late.
At this time it is interesting to note
that the first war correspondent was
George Burrow, who was in Spain in
1829 when it was being invaded by Don
Carlos. Burrow represented the Lon-
don Morning Herald, which was one of
the leading Conservative papers. The
first special war correspondent was Wil-
liam Howard Russell, sent to the Cri-
mea by the London Times.
This is as it should be, with the sea ser-
pent along the New England coast. The
competition of Spanish warships has
driven him out of business.

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